

Bouthilette, Theresa

From: Burgess, David
Sent: Tuesday, June 11, 2013 10:28 AM
To: Bouthilette, Theresa
Cc: LaFountain, Jennifer
Subject: FW: property card error

Will you please update the address and I will tell them it is changed. Can we adjust Munis before we print the bills?

David

From: lquilter@gmail.com [mailto:lquilter@gmail.com] **On Behalf Of** Laura Quilter
Sent: Tuesday, June 11, 2013 10:01 AM
To: Burgess, David
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Hi David,

We purchased the house at 101 Red Gate Lane, Amherst, last year (6/1/2012). The property card, however, still lists the former owners as the owners. It's an issue, because the former owner just passed away, and the address listed in the property card (wrongly) is the former owner's name, with our former apartment address.

<http://gis.amherstma.gov/images/cards/443.pdf>

Could you please let me know who would we contact to update the property card, the "CURRENT OWNER" section?

from (wrong information):
RAUCH, HAROLD & RUTH N (TRUSTEES)
C/O MARKSTEIN, MICHELE & QUILTER, LAURA
57 MARLBORO ST
BELMONT, MA 02478

TO the current correct information:
MARKSTEIN, MICHELE & QUILTER, LAURA
101 RED GATE LANE
AMHERST, MA 01002

Thanks very much,

Laura Quilter

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From: **Olkin, Michael** <olkinm@amherstma.gov>
Date: Sat, Oct 13, 2012 at 7:23 PM
Subject: Re: property card error
To: Laura Quilter <lquilter@lquilter.net>

Hi Laura,

The issues that you are seeing are normal & are related to the way that local property tax billing works in Massachusetts. Part of your purchase agreement in buying your home included a payment for the property taxes for the remainder of the year. That payment was made to the seller of the property, which in turn was paid to the Town of Amherst. Until the end of the year, the seller will show up in the tax assessment database as the owner, strictly for taxation purposes. The buyer's name & address are entered into the tax assessment database as of the filing, which has occurred (you're seeing proof of that by seeing your address there; that's one of the quirks of our tax assessment system). The buyer's name does not show up as the owner until the property tax payment becomes the responsibility of the buyer.

I hope that this is helpful. If you have further questions, I would suggest contacting the tax assessor David Burgess at [413-259-3024](tel:413-259-3024) or burgessd@amherstma.gov

Best wishes,

-Mike

On Oct 13, 2012, at 4:46 PM, "Laura Quilter" <lquilter@lquilter.net> wrote:

Looking at the online record a little more closely, there are some other weird transcription errors.

The sale date 9/10/2008 transaction lists Harold & Ruth N Rauch Trustees as purchaser, which is correct; they sold their home for \$1 from Harold & Ruth Rauch to their trustee owner. But, somehow their address got replaced with OUR old address (57 Marlboro St, Belmont, MA 02478) -- that was the address of Michele Markstein & Laura Quilter before purchasing the house on June 1, 2012.

Thanks,

Laura Quilter

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On Sat, Oct 13, 2012 at 4:42 PM, Laura Quilter <lquilter@lquilter.net> wrote:
Hi,

In the database, the property card for my home (101 Red Gate Lane) is listed as "Harold and Ruth N Rauch, Trustees, c/o Laura Quilter & Michele Markstein". Actually we just purchased the home outright; the Rauch's are no longer owners. This was properly registered, but I guess in updating this database part of the "owner" field didn't get replaced. Who would I speak to have this fixed?

Thanks,

Laura Quilter
101 Red Gate Lane

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